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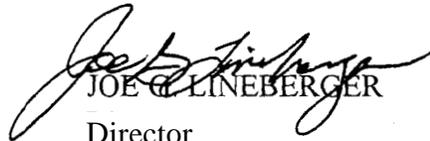
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Office of the Assistant Secretary  
AFBCMR 98-00420

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Having received and considered the recommendation of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records and under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code (70A Stat 116), it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] to include the Meritorious Service Medal, awarded for the period 15 July 1993 through 6 July 1995, be considered for promotion to the grade of lieutenant colonel by a Special Selection Board for the Calendar Year 1997C Central Lieutenant Colonel Board.

  
JOE G. LINEBERGER

Director  
Air Force Review Boards Agency

ADDENDUM TO  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00422

3 Jul 1998

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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RESUME OF CASE:

In an application dated 5 February 1998, applicant requested Special Selection Board (SSB) consideration for promotion by the Calendar Year 1997C (CY97C) Central Lieutenant Colonel Selection Board with the inclusion of the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), awarded for the period 15 July 1993 through 6 July 1995, in his Officer Selection Record (OSR).

On 23 July 1998, the Board considered and denied applicant's request. The Board concluded that there was insufficient evidence of an error or an injustice warranting corrective action. A complete copy of the Record of Proceedings is attached at Exhibit E.

Applicant apparently e-mailed his rebuttal comments to the Board in February 1998; however, at the time his case was considered by the Board, the comments were not a part of the case file. Applicant has now provided these comments and his case has been reopened for reconsideration (Exhibit F).

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THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable error or injustice. It appears that as a result of confusion caused by the closing of the USAF Combat Rescue School, and personnel being reassigned to other organizations, not everyone was submitted for an end of tour decoration in a timely manner. In the instant case, the USAF Weapons School apparently attempted to remedy the situation after applicant was assigned to it; however, the MSM was not finalized in time for consideration by the CY97C board. Clearly, the service reflected in the MSM covered a time period well in advance of the CY97C board and we believe it should have been reflected in his record when he was considered by the CY97C board. While it cannot be conclusively determined whether or not the absence of the MSM was the sole reason for applicant's nonselection for promotion by the board in question, we do believe that it served to deprive him of fair and equitable

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consideration. Therefore, we recommend his corrected record be considered by Special Selection Board for the CY97C board.

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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, to include the Meritorious Service Medal, awarded for the period 15 July 1993 through 6 July 1995, be considered for promotion to the grade of lieutenant colonel by a Special Selection Board for the Calendar Year 1997C Central Lieutenant Colonel Board.

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The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 22 October 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Ms. Martha Maust, Panel Chair  
Mr. Robert W. Zook, Member  
Mr. Kenneth L. Reinertson, Member

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

Exhibit E. ROP, dated 24 Jul 98, w/atchs.  
Exhibit F. Applicant's submission, dated 7 Aug 98.

  
MARTHA MAUST  
Panel Chair